



CALIFORNIA High-Speed Rail Authority

Business Advisory Council (BAC) Summary Meeting Notes for November 8, 2017

Summary Notes

2250 Mariposa Street Fresno, CA

Members Present:

Association	Primary	Alternate
ACEC		
AICC	Adam Holt	
AAAE		Ming-Chen Yu
AAa/e	Linden Nishinaga	
AGC	John Cooper	
CBCC		
CMAA	Esther Shaw	
COMTO	Walter Allen	
DVBA	Laura Uden	
GFACC	Debbie Hunsaker	
KMCA	Marvin Dean	Nick Hill
LRRT	Paul Guerrero	
LBA	Leonard Ortiz	
NAACP	Betty Williams	
NAMC	Pete Varma	
NCA	Diana LaCome	
SFAACC	Fred Jordan	
SAME		
USPAACC	Prakash Daryani	
WCOE	Lee Cunningham	Ruth Bley
WTS	Charissa Frank	Shari Tavafrashti

Council Chair: Alice Rodriguez

Absent Seat(s): Arvin Chaudhary (ACEC), Aubry Stone (CBCC), Nathan Rockwood (SAME)

California High-Speed Rail Authority (Authority) Team Present: Ivor Newman – Small Business Outreach Coordinator, Jose Camarena – Contract Compliance Administrator, Meilani Sabadlab – Small Business Technical Associate, Abraham Mendoza – Assistant Compliance Administrator, Kato Cook – Compliance Officer, Shonda Hornbeck – Compliance Officer, Austin Kidwell – Compliance Branch, Jon Leggett – Compliance Branch, Michael Guzman – Compliance Branch

Guests: Maurice Young (TPZP), Joshua Meyers (TPZP), Bjorn Nilsen (DFJV), John James (DFJV), Abbigail Brown (CPM Logistics), Claire Pittman (CPM Logistics), Amanda Craft (CRB), Patrick Saul (Soar Environmental), Albert Smith, Jeffrey Gutierrez (Dewalt Corporation),

I. Welcome and Introductions (Alice Rodriguez)

- Council Chair, Alice Rodriguez, called the meeting to order at 3:32 PM.
- Ms. Rodriguez welcomed and thanked everyone for attending the meeting and proceeded to provide a brief overview of the meeting agenda.
- Ms. Rodriguez concluded opening remarks with whole room introductions.

II. Approval of August 17, 2017 Business Advisory Council Meeting Minutes (Alice Rodriguez)

- Ms. Rodriguez asked if there were any questions or concerns regarding the August 17, 2017 meeting minutes. There were no questions or concerns.
- Member LaCome motioned that the meeting minutes be adopted.
- Member Ortiz seconded the motion; Members Dean and Varma abstained, and all other Members in attendance approved of the August Minutes.

III. Administrative and Organizational Items

- Ms. Rodriguez acknowledged Members of Associated Professionals and Contractors of California (APAC) for their successful Meet and Greet Reception hosted at the Radisson Hotel.
- Ms. Rodriguez made mention of the organizational changes within the Authority, specifically her promotion as Executive Director of External Affairs. In her new role, she will manage the following branches: Multi-Media, Title VI, Small Business and Information Officers assigned to the External Affairs Department.
- Her primary role will focus on stakeholder engagement and strengthening relationships with communities surrounding the project's alignment. She will also focus on building public support for the high speed rail project overall.
- Ms. Rodriguez also informed the Council that she is now leading the BAC as the Council Chair.

BAC Members Questions and Concerns:

- In Ms. Rodriguez's new capacity, Member Guerrero encouraged she focus on the San Jose community and increase minority participation in all aspects of the project.

IV. Construction Tour Recap (Diana Gomez)

- Ms. Gomez welcomed everyone to Fresno and gave thanks to all who participated in the Construction Tour.
- Ms. Gomez provided a quick overview of the excitement happening in Fresno and mentioned that the Authority is in process of completing two (2) Environmental Justice (EJ) documents in the Central Valley. The two documents consist of the following project sections: The Wye (Merced to Fresno) and the Locally Generated Alignment (Fresno to Bakersfield). Both documents are expected to be available for public circulation by year end.
- Ms. Gomez continued to provide additional updates concerning the 119 miles currently under construction. She stated that the CAHSRA project has brought approximately \$3 billion worth of State and federal contracts into the Central Valley, of which approximately \$500 million is solely invested in the City of Fresno.
- She also commented that the project construction is creating an economic boom and an opportunity of wealth for Fresno and its neighboring cities.
- Currently, on Construction Package 1 (CP 1) there are 14 construction sites in progress. This number will continue to develop as Right-of-Way (ROW) is acquired. Additionally CP 1 has about

1,800 workers dispatched to the various construction sites.

- On Construction Package 2-3 (CP 2-3) they are dealing with environmental issues such as endangered species. However, construction has launched.
- Ms. Gomez stated Construction Package 4 (CP 4), the smallest of the packages, is continuing forward with great momentum. The Authority was able to begin ROW clearance during earlier phases, and as a result, CP 4 was able to start construction rapidly. Although, additional ROW still needs to be acquired.
- Lastly, Ms. Gomez informed BAC Members that the Fresno headquarters relocated to 1111 H Street Fresno, CA.

BAC Members Questions and Concerns:

- Mr. Nilsen, Small Business Liaison Officer for CP 2-3, informed the BAC audience that small business, Mass X, was awarded a \$2 million for an embankment contract. This is the first of its kind to be awarded to a small business.
- Mr. Guerrero inquired about the EJ plan to relocate the homeless population in Fresno, specifically the homeless who were seen during the alignment Construction Tour. Ms. Gomez was not certain of the exact destination for relocation and said she would need to research the information.
- Authority Contracts Compliance Manager, Jose Camarena, mentioned that the latest Construction Package reports, enclosed in the BAC Member packets, were from the previous month and as soon as the November reports became available, that he would send them to Meilani Sabadlab for BAC Member distribution.
- Additionally, Ms. Rodriguez informed BAC Members that the Small Business Branch conducts monthly outreach and education conference-calls with the Design-Build Small Business Officers. Due to the transition of quarterly BAC Meetings, the Authority intends to distribute their BAC reports monthly, via email.

V. Committee Meeting Updates

Professional Services Committee (Committee Chair, Fred Jordan)

- The Professional Services Committee addressed the following topics during the Full Council:
 - Requested that the Authority develop a Dispute Resolution and Appeal process.
 - Requested the Authority provide additional supportive services to small businesses.
 - Requested the Authority implement the 30/10/3 split between professional services and construction.
 - Requested the Authority to adopt the FHWA Provisional Rates Program.
 - Requested that prompt payment notifications be posted to the Authority website.
 - Requested to implement the small business goals on third party agreements.
 - Requested the Authority to include links on their website providing notice of all future procurements. The links would connect individuals directly to the procurement webpages of our existing Design-Builders.

Construction Committee (Committee Chair, Dianna LaCome):

- The Construction Committee addressed the following topics during the Full Council:
 - Requested the Authority to include links on their website providing notice of all future procurements. The links would connect individuals directly to the procurement webpages of our existing Design-Builders.
 - Requested that prompt payment notifications be posted to the Authority website.
 - Requested the Authority provide a presentation regarding the appeals process,

- concerning any dispute.
 - Requested the Authority implement the 30/10/3 split between professional services and construction.
 - Requested that we increase supplier visibility overall, in the high-speed rail project.
- Ms. LaCome mentioned that the BAC Sub-Committees are continuing their research on joint committee concerns and will provide an update during the next BAC Meeting.

BAC Members Questions and Concerns:

- Member Tavafrashti questioned when the Authority develops a funding agreement with another local/state/federal agency, are the 30/10/3 goals passed down? Ms. Rodriguez replied that she would have a member of the Third Party team present at a future BAC Meeting.
- Member LaCome thanked the Design-Builders who attended the Construction Committee for providing valid input and welcomed their attendance moving forward.

VI. Future Meeting Dates

- Ms. Rodriguez mentioned that a tentative 2018 BAC Meeting schedule was placed in the BAC Member Packets.
- Ms. Rodriguez informed the Council that we are facing challenges securing a room for our February meeting. In response, several BAC Members suggested other cities: San Jose, San Francisco, and Oakland. Ms. Rodriguez mentioned we will distribute an email that calls for casting a vote and all BAC Members will be kept informed as the 2018 meeting schedule develops.
- In response to facility availability, Member Guerrero suggested reaching out to local hotels. He suggested negotiating a free conference space in exchange for room rentals.
- Member Dean motioned to move the November 6 date to Bakersfield to conduct the annual BAC Construction Tour. Member LaCome seconded and all other members voted in favor.

VII. Member and Public Comment and Adjournment

- Member Nishinaga questioned if Ms. Alcantara will continue to attend future Professional Service Committee and Full Council meetings. Ms. Rodriguez assured the BAC of Ms. Alcantara's participation as well as Mr. Hudson's participation during Construction Committee Meetings.
- Miguel Barragan, chairman of National Concilio of America (NCA), commended the Authority and BAC Membership on their continued effort.
- Member Varma questioned more about a listing of future procurements from the Design-Build Teams. Ms. Rodriguez stated that the Design-Build BAC reports capture this information and moving forward, these reports would be distributed to all members via email on a monthly basis.
- Member LaCome requested a contact list for all HSR outreach personnel, including regional Information Officers. Ms. Rodriguez stated the Authority would generate a listing.
- Member Dean motioned the meeting to end.
- Member Ortiz seconded.
- The meeting was adjourned by Ms. Rodriguez at 4:44 PM.